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**INFORMATION
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Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(c), i.e. prior to a first Office Action on the merits after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination.

Attached are copies of four Japanese patent documents with their English-language abstracts and computer translations, from which any relevance of the documents can be gleaned. The documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. The documents were first cited on November 27, 2007, in the attached foreign Office Action, issued in connection with the corresponding Japanese patent application No. 2003-118916.

It is hereby certified that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before a first Office Action on the merits, no fee is required, and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 are deemed to be fully met as to all listed documents. Consideration of the listed documents is respectfully requested.

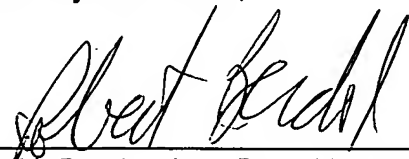
Should any fee be required, however, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002.

Respectfully submitted,

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